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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on July 29, 2003, requiring an election of species among those species readable on Figures 1-31, 32-44, 45-46, and 47-48, respectively.

It is submitted that claims 1-22 are readable on the above-identified drawing figures as follows:

Species I, Figs. 1-31, on which claims 1-10 and 14-22 read;

Species II, Figs. 32-44, on which claims 1-7 and 11-19 read;

Species III, Figs. 45 and 46, on which none of the claims read; and

Species IV, Figs. 47 and 48, on which none of the claims read.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Species I corresponding to Figures 1-31, including claims 1-10, and 14-22, for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and believe that there are only two distinct species in the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to revise the requirement for an election of species to identify the species as follows:

Species I, illustrated by drawing Figs. 1-31; and


Species II, illustrated by drawing Figs. 32-44.

Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, at the very least, claims 1-7 and 14-19 are believed to be readable on Figs. 1-44 and, therefore, are generic to the identified species. Accordingly, if any of these generic claims are found allowable, it is appreciated the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn and all claims that include the limitations of the allowable generic claims likewise will be allowed.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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